

## **Line 610 – Functionality in Emergency Situations**

Central Louisiana Cellular, LLC (“CLC”), as required in Section 54.313(a)(6), is “able to function in emergency situations as set forth in §54.202(a)(2)”<sup>1</sup> in connection with provision of voice and broadband services. Although CLC was designated by states rather than the Commission, it has safeguards providing for functionality in emergency situations.

CLC has deployed power generators throughout its network and also has battery backup at its sites. CLC can address landline issues by re-routing traffic to another trunk group or to one of its other media gateways, or by receiving inbound calling from alternate tandem providers. In the event backhaul connectivity is interrupted in an emergency, CLC’s alternative options, depending upon the location, include licensed microwave, temporary unlicensed microwave and satellite.

In addition, CLC’s switching facilities are elevated on high ground in central Louisiana, making them more resistant to emergency flooding than facilities near the coastline.

Accordingly, CLC’s facilities and resource options provide that (1) a reasonable amount of back-up power is available to ensure functionality without an external power source; (2) CLC is able to reroute voice traffic<sup>2</sup> around damaged facilities; and (3) CLC is capable of managing spikes in voice traffic resulting from emergency situations.

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<sup>1</sup> 47 C.F.R. § 54.313(a)(6).

<sup>2</sup> Certifications and demonstrations regarding broadband services are not required in carrier’s reports for calendar year 2012.